

METH PRECURSOR TASK FORCE MEETING

**December 11, 2008
Kansas Pharmacists Association
Conference Room
1020 SW Fairlawn
Topeka, KS 66604**

Thursday, December 11, 2008

PERSONS PRESENT: Michael Coast, R.Ph., KS Board of Pharmacy (KBOP); Brian Caswell, R.Ph., KS Pharmacists Association (KPhA); Jeff Brandau, KS Bureau of Investigation (KBI); Steve Wilhoft, Attorney General's Office (AG's Office); Mary Franz, D.O. Osteopathic Association; Mandy Hagan, CHPA; Michael Larkin, KPhA; Debra Billingsley, KBOP; Senator Vicki Schmidt, R.Ph., KS Senate; Bob Williams, Osteopathic Association; Berend Koops, Hein Law Firm; Doug Mays, MethShield, Ron Yoder, KPSC; Pete Stern, KPSC; Mike Davis, Appriss; LeAnne Bell, KHPA; Mike Beezley, MD, Board of Healing Arts; Henry Salk, Appriss; Terry Bradstreet, Dillons; Pat Hubbell, Phrma; Ed Klumpp, KS Assoc of Chiefs of Police/KS Peace Officers Assoc.; Van Ingram, Kentucky Office Drug Control Policy; Ron Hatfield, Appriss; and Jim Acquisto, Appriss.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Debra Billingsley, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Mike Larkin welcomed everyone to the KPhA Office. Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Mike Davis, President of Appriss, Inc. gave an update on the MethCheck pilot program in Southeast Kansas and had preliminary results. They are tracking 51 pharmacies. From June through the present at least 20,000 sales had been made and 1,394 of those sales exceeded the legal limit. Appriss, Inc. also has statistical information from other state pilot programs indicating that customers will cross the borders if there are tracking mechanisms in place.

Van Ingram, Executive Director of the Office of Drug Enforcement Policy for the state of Kentucky gave a presentation on Kentucky's electronic tracking system. In January of 2008 the Kentucky legislature adopted a statute requiring all pharmacies (independent and chain) to track PSE sales electronically. Kentucky does block sales but they have an override system that can be used if necessary. They have never had any incidents or reports of a pharmacist or staff person ever being threatened for denying a sale. The state of Kentucky has a population of over 4 million and they have 1390 pharmacies. 50-75 retail

pharmacies do not sell any product. 2-3 pharmacies have no Internet access and they have provided them with an exemption. They have been funded by a COPS grant but the source is no longer available and they will have to find new forms of revenue. The program cost \$900,000 to fund the first two years and they have one employee who is currently working 50 percent of the week on this program. When they began the program they used 2-3 more people in order to conduct training.

The task force discussed what type of recommendations should be made in the legislative report which is due January 12, 2009. It was the consensus of the group that all options should be given to the legislature but that the Task Force recommendation would be for electronic tracking. Deb Billingsley will draft a report and email it to the members for their input.

The task force will meet again on January 8, 2009 to discuss the final report.

Meeting adjourned.